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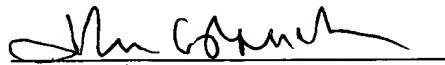
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Serial No. 09/575,894	Filing Date May 22, 2000	Examiner not yet assigned	Group Art Unit not yet assigned
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Title of Invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING RELATED SEARCHES IN A DATABASE SEARCH SYSTEM			

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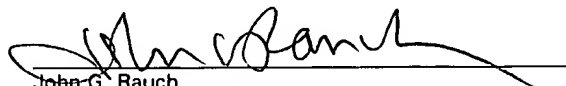
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